

part of the answer; while Foster's interesting suggestion, that during its protracted periods of scarcity or apparent absence it may be able to survive at a low density in the tree canopy, may perhaps be another. Moreover the mode of life of the early stages tends to ensure that they are seldom met with. The lack of an early Windsor Forest record, in fact right up to 1972, is truly surprising since it is barely credible that the insect was not present there in earlier days. It would seem to be by the merest chance that it succeeded in altogether eluding such energetic collectors in the area as the Griesbachs, Desvignes, and (nearer our time) Donisthorpe. And there is but a single specimen known from the still more intensively worked New Forest (Allen, 1973: 14) — unless, indeed, it has just recently recurred there too, which would be far from strange. Nor would it be astonishing were the beetle found to have revived in its old Kentish stronghold, Darenth Wood; whilst it would be interesting also to know the present state of the Sherwood Forest population.

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DOLICHARTHRIA PUNCTALIS D. & S. (LEP.: PYRALIDAE) IN PEMBROKESHIRE — on 28.viii.1987, a single specimen of this very local moth visited our m.v. light at Dale Fort Centre (SM 8205). Goater (1986) *British Pyralid Moths*, gives the distribution of this essentially coastal species as extending to Cornwall and Scilly in the west, and thus its occurrence in Pembrokeshire is not entirely unexpected. G. L. & M. A. FINCH, 14 Thorndale, Ibstock, Leicester LE6 1JT.